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(SBU) Czech MFA Lebanon desk officer, Sylva Pavlasova, stated that MFA Middle East and North Africa Department Director, Josef Rychtar, will attend the June 23 Vienna conference on reconstruction of Lebanon's Nahr al-Barid Palestinian refugee camp. She noted that the Czechs responded last summer when Lebanon made its first plea for assistance and contributed roughly 50,000 USD. This was in addition to its annual contribution to the UNRWA, which totaled 2M Czech crowns (125,000 USD) in 2007. While the Czechs have not finalized their contribution for the Nahr al-Barid camp this year, Pavlasova anticipates that the GOCR contribution will be in the neighborhood of 20,000-30,000 USD.